



Shepherd of Life Lutheran Church

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Arlington, TX 76011

Welcome to Shepherd of Life

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We are thrilled that you have chosen to spend the morning with us. As we worship, pray, and sing together, we hope that God's Spirit will fill your heart, and bring you joy and peace.

Sunday Morning Schedule

8:30 Worship Service

10:00 Worship Service and Education Classes for all ages (Children and Adult)

We practice Open Communion. Everyone is welcome at the Lord's table. Gluten-free wafers are available for those who are sensitive to gluten.

Please give us the opportunity to send you a personal thank you by filling out one of the yellow cards found in the pew and placing it in the offering plate.

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*"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and put a new and right spirit within me."
Psalm 51:10*

March 19, 2023

Prelude

Welcome

Gathering Words

Presider: “For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Walk as children of light, for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. (Ephesians 5) On this fourth Sunday in Lent, may the Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Brief Order for Confession and Forgiveness (*Congregation stands*)

Leader: Most merciful God,

People: **We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against You in thought, word and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart: we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of Your son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

Leader: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for you and for His sake God forgives you all your sins. To those who believe in Jesus Christ He gives the power to become the children of God and bestows on them the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

Entrance Hymn

“All Are Welcome” (*verses 1-3*)

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Apostolic Greeting

Presider: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

People: **And also with you.**

Canticle of Praise

Leader



1 Je - sus, keep me near the cross, there's a pre - cious foun - tain;
2 Near the cross, a trem - bling soul, love and mer - cy found me;



free to all, a heal - ing stream flows from Cal - v'ry's moun - tain.
there the bright and morn - ing star sheds its beams a - round me.

People



In the cross, in the cross be my glo - ry ev - er;



till my ran - somed soul shall find rest be - yond the riv - er.

Prayer of the Day

(Congregation may be seated)

THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

[The Lutheran Church believes that the canonical Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments are the written inspired Word of God.]

First Reading: John 9:1-12

As he [Jesus] walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming, when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see. The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am he." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm of Praise



"I am the light of the world," says the Lord.
"They who fol - low me will have the light of life."

Second Reading: John 9:13-23

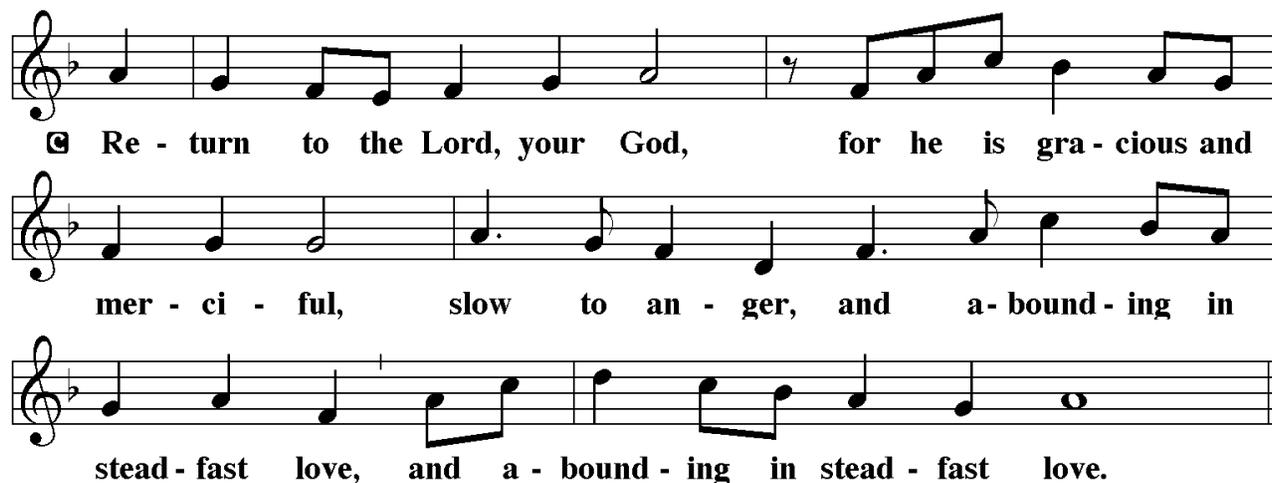
They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a Sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the Sabbath." Others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind, but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him."

Reader: The Word of the Lord

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Special Music

(Congregation stands and sings)



Re - turn to the Lord, your God, for he is gra - cious and
mer - ci - ful, slow to an - ger, and a - bound - ing in
stead - fast love, and a - bound - ing in stead - fast love.

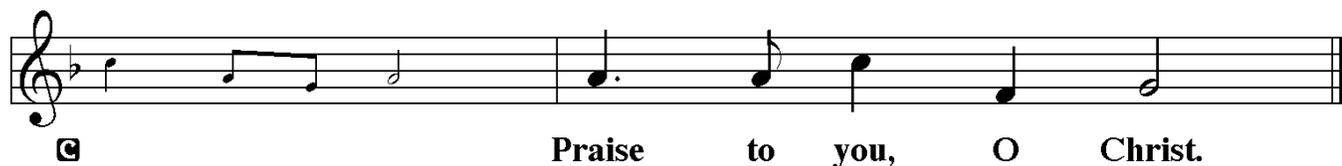
Reader: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the ninth chapter



Gospel Reading John 9:24-41

So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, “Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner.” He answered, “I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see.” They said to him, “What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?” He answered them, “I have told you already, and you would not listen. Why do you want to hear it again? Do you also want to become his disciples?” Then they reviled him, saying, “You are his disciple, but we are disciples of Moses. We know that God has spoken to Moses, but as for this man, we do not know where he comes from.” The man answered, “Here is an astonishing thing! You do not know where he comes from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but he does listen to one who worships him and obeys his will. Never since the world began has it been heard that anyone opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he could do nothing.” They answered him, “You were born entirely in sins, and are you trying to teach us?” And they drove him out. Jesus heard that they had driven him out, and when he found him he said, “Do you believe in the Son of Man?” He answered, “And who is he, sir? Tell me, so that I may believe in him.” Jesus said to him, “You have seen him, and the one speaking with you is he.” He said, “Lord, I believe.” And he worshiped him. Jesus said, “I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see may see and those who do see may become blind.” Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, “Surely we are not blind, are we?” Jesus said to them, “If you were blind, you would not have sin. But now that you say, ‘We see,’ your sin remains.

Leader: The Gospel of the Lord



(Congregation may be seated)

Message Bending to the Light

Pastor Mark Hadley

Hymn of the Day **“Christ Be Our Light”**

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Opportunities for Growth and Service

Ministry Minute

Joys and Concerns

(If you have a prayer concern or prayer of thanksgiving you would like included in the bulletin, please call the church office.)

Prayers of the Church

(Sung before and after prayers)

Stay with me, re - main here with me, watch and
pray, watch and pray.

Apostle's Creed *(Congregation stands)*

People: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,* the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Sharing of the Peace

Presider: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: And also with you.

(As a sign of God's peace, please take a moment to greet those around you.)

THE GATHERING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

[By our tithes and offerings we say "Thank You" to God for all of our blessings. Your offerings support Shepherd of Life's ministry here, in our community, and around the world through the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America. Thank you for prayerfully considering your sacrificial response.]

**the true Christian Church at all times*

Offering Prayer

Presider: Merciful Father

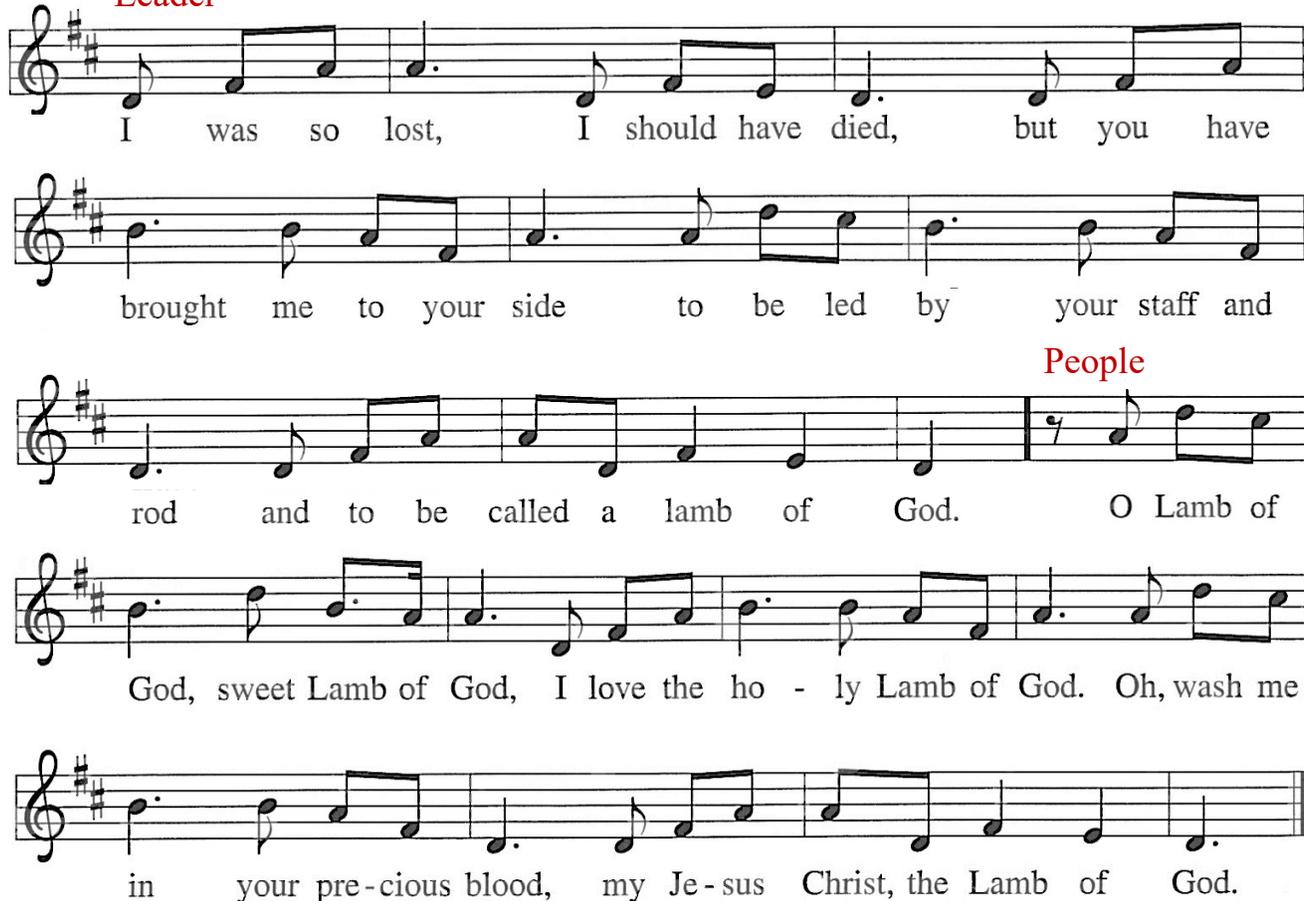
People: We offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us - ourselves, our time and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

[The Lutheran church believes that Jesus is truly present in the bread and wine, and that through the reception of this sacrament, we receive the forgiveness of sins. You do not have to be a member in order to receive the Lord's Supper at Shepherd of Life. All are welcome! If you prefer gluten-free wafers mention that to the pastor or to receive grape juice, simply point to the second communion assistant who will also be holding grapes for our children.]

Pre-Communion Canticle

Leader



I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side to be led by your staff and rod and to be called a lamb of God. O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the ho - ly Lamb of God. Oh, wash me in your pre-cious blood, my Je - sus Christ, the Lamb of God.

People

Consecration of the Elements

The Lord's Prayer

People: **Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.**

Congregation may be seated)

Distribution of the Elements

Communion Hymns

“As the Grains of Wheat”

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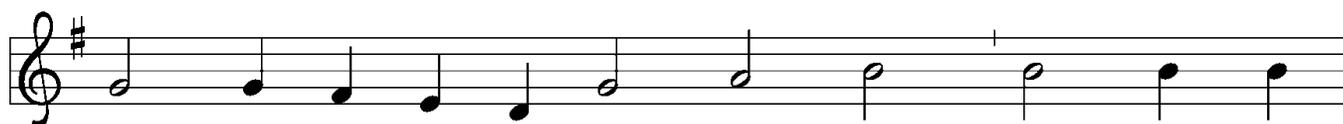
“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

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“The Glory of These Forty Days”

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Doxology



Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all



creatures here below; praise him above, ye



heav'n - ly host; praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Benediction

People: Amen.

Closing Hymn

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

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Dismissal

Leader: Go in Peace. Serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

Postlude

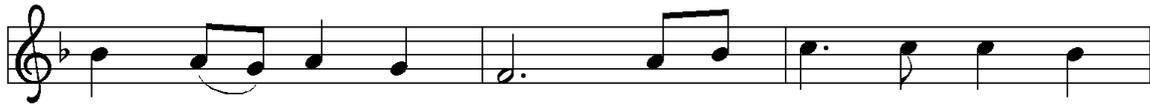
All Are Welcome



1 Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safe - ly
 2 Let us build a house where proph-ets speak, and words are strong and
 3 Let us build a house where love is found in wa - ter, wine and
 4 Let us build a house where hands will reach be - yond the wood and
 5 Let us build a house where all are named, their songs and vi - sions



live, a place where saints and chil - dren tell how
 true, where all God's chil - dren dare to seek to
 wheat: a ban - quet hall on ho - ly ground where
 stone to heal and strength - en, serve and teach, and
 heard and loved and trea - sured, taught and claimed as



hearts learn to for - give. Built of hopes and dreams and
 dream God's reign a - new. Here the cross shall stand as
 peace and jus - tice meet. Here the love of God, through
 live the Word they've known. Here the out - cast and the
 words with - in the Word. Built of tears and cries and



vi - sions, rock of faith and vault of grace; here the love of
 wit - ness and as sym - bol of God's grace; here as one we
 Je - sus, is re - vealed in time and space; as we share in
 strang-er bear the im - age of God's face; let us bring an
 laugh-ter, prayers of faith and songs of grace, let this house pro -



Christ shall end di - vi - sions:
 claim the faith of Je - sus:
 Christ the feast that frees us: All are wel - come,
 end to fear and dan - ger:
 claim from floor to raf - ter:



all are wel - come, all are wel - come in this place.

Text: Marty Haugen, b. 1950
 Music: TWO OAKS, Marty Haugen
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Christ, Be Our Light



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.



Refrain
 Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

Text: Bernadette Farrell, b. 1957
 Music: CHRIST, BE OUR LIGHT, Bernadette Farrell
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As the Grains of Wheat

Refrain



As the grains of wheat once scat-tered on the hill were



gath-ered in-to one to be - come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from



all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in you.



1 As this cup of bless-ing is shared with-in our midst,
2 Let this be a fore-taste of all that is to come when



may we share the pres - ence of your love.
all cre - a - tion shares this feast with you.

Refrain

Text: Didache, 2nd cent.; Marty Haugen, b. 1950

Music: AS THE GRAINS, Marty Haugen

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Beneath the Cross of Jesus



1 Be - neath the cross of Je - sus I long to take my stand;
2 Up - on the cross of Je - sus, my eye at times can see
3 I take, O cross, your shad - ow for my a - bid - ing place;



the shad - ow of a might-y rock with - in a wea - ry land,
the ver - y dy - ing form of one who suf - fered there for me.
I ask no oth - er sun - shine than the sun - shine of his face;



a home with-in a wil - der - ness, a rest up - on the way,
And from my con - trite heart, with tears, two won - ders I con - fess:
con - tent to let the world go by, to know no gain nor loss,



from the burn - ing of the noon - tide heat and bur - dens of the day.
the . . . won - der of his glo - rious love and my un - wor - thi - ness.
my . . . sin - ful self my on - ly shame, my glo - ry all, the cross.

Text: Elizabeth C. Clephane, 1830–1869

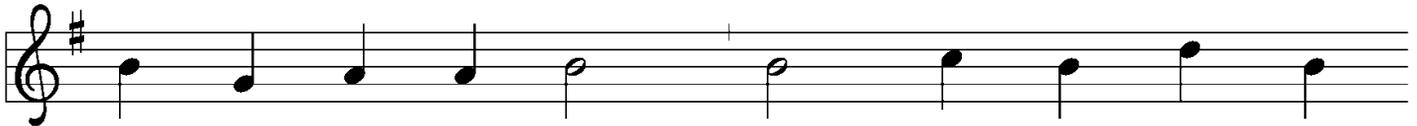
Music: ST. CHRISTOPHER, Frederick C. Maker, 1844–1927

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The Glory of These Forty Days



1 The glo - ry of these for - ty days we cel - e -
 2 A - lone and fast - ing Mo - ses saw the lov - ing
 3 So Dan - iel trained his mys - tic sight, de - liv - ered
 4 Then grant, O God, that we may, too, re - turn in



brate with songs of praise; for Christ, through whom all
 God who gave the law; and to E - li - jah,
 from the li - ons' might; and John, the Bride - groom's
 fast and prayer to you. Our spir - its strength - en



things were made, him - self has fast - ed and has prayed.
 fast - ing, came the steeds and char - i - ots of flame.
 friend, be - came the her - ald of Mes - si - ah's name.
 with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.

Text: Latin hymn, 11th cent.; tr. Maurice F. Bell, 1862–1947, alt.

Music: ERHALT UNS, HERR, J. Klug, *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543

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The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in
 2 We go to com - fort those who mourn and set the
 3 We go to be the hands of Christ, to scat - ter
 4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings
 bur - dened free; where hope is dim, to
 joy like seed and, all our days, to
 to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.
 share a dream and help the blind to see.
 cher - ish life, to do the lov - ing deed.
 pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

Text: Delores Dufner, osb, b. 1939

Music: CHESTERFIELD, attr. Thomas Haweis, 1734-1820

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Happy
Birthday

3/19 Crystal Simnacher

3/21 Jessica Neuman

3/22 Laura Higginbotham

3/24 Karsten Gaarder

3/25 Shirley Porter

Happy
Anniversary

3/20

Ron & Louise Engel

3/21

David & Loretta Umbaugh

3/25

Brad & Joanne Hedrick

WORSHIP PARTICIPANTS



8:30 AM

10:00 AM

Minister Assistant Sherri Wade

Pat Walter, Candy Collins,
Susan Voise

Altar Guild Dennis & Lois Bashore

Candy Collins & Kay Fox

Greeter Kendra Bina

Laura Kribs

Prayer of the Day Tina Rosenbaum

Theresa Jorgensen

Reader Jim Rogerson

Brenda Maxwell

Ushers Derek Kretschmer &
Diana Osborn

Scott Bernhart & John Jager

Coffee Clean-up

Alexis Allen

Shepherd of Life's Youth and Family Page

4th - 6th
Grade Hangout

Our Next 4th - 6th Grade Event
will be **THIS FRIDAY** from
6:30-8:00 pm.

Join us for a meal
and a ton of fun!

GAME DAY

NEXT SUNDAY



Game Day is next Sunday!
Join us in the Fellowship Hall
after the 10:00 service for
pizza, treats, and lots of
fun. Bring a game to share
or come learn a new one!

HELP SUPPORT THE EASTER EGG HUNT!

We are taking donations of
individually wrapped candy
(no nuts please) or cash
donations to buy candy for
stuffing Easter Eggs.
Donations will be taken
through April 2nd. Thanks!

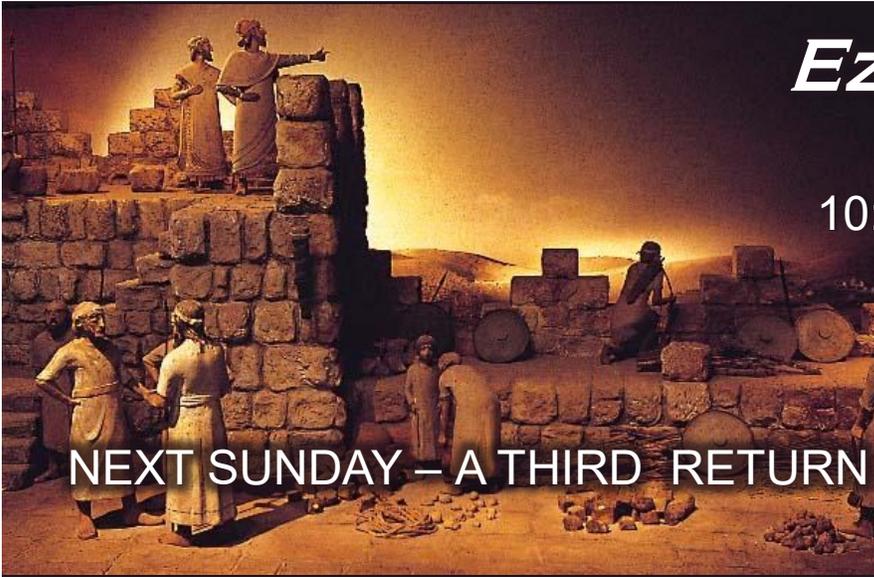


TODAY

ADULT BIBLE STUDY at 10 AM
in the Admin Building

LET'S TALK ABOUT LENT

A time for reflecting and giving back
Led by Kim Doege



EZRA & NEHEMIAH

ADULT BIBLE STUDY
10:00 AM in the Admin Building

NEXT SUNDAY – A THIRD RETURN - BY GOD'S GOOD HAND

Lent 2023: The final Hours of Jesus



This Wednesday at 7:00 PM

Theresa Jorgensen will
share a reflection on Jesus
being brought before Pilate

Upcoming EVENTS

This Tuesday

Sack Lunch Bible Study
12:00pm

Wednesday, March 22

Soup Supper (5:45pm) & Lenten Service (7:00pm)

Friday, March 24

4th–6th Grade Event
(6:30–8:30pm)

Sunday, March 26

Gaming Sunday - Following the 10:00am service

Wednesday, March 29

Soup Supper (5:45pm) & Lenten Service (7:00pm)

Sunday, April 2

Palm/Passion Sunday

Dramatized reading about Pilate and Jesus - 8:30 & 10:00 am

Thursday, April 6

Maundy Thursday Service - 7:00 pm

Friday, April 7

Good Friday Service - 7:00 pm

Sunday- April 9

Easter Services—7:00, 8:30, 10:00 am

Easter Egg Hunt - following the 8:30 service

Easter Breakfast—9:00 to 10:30 am



COFFEE TIME

Coffee time is sponsored by Dave & Donna Gaarder in celebration of Karsten's birthday

SACK LUNCH

Bible Study

This Tuesday
At 12:00pm

Join Pastor Mark for our next “Bring Your Own Lunch” Bible Study. The topic this time around: The Biblical Foundations of “Loving God and Neighbor Together.”



Fourth Friday Female
Fellowship
This Friday at 6:30 PM
Tom's Burgers & Grill
1530 N Cooper St



Come out and join us for dinner, ladies! We had a great turn out last month. This is an opportunity to make new connections and have a lot of fun while you are at it. Please let us know if you are coming so we can reserve enough space.

Tami Parker - 214-673-4620
Rhonda Banks - 214-923-1428

Sign up sheets for Easter
Lilies will be in the
Narthex through April 2nd



Cost is \$15.00.
Sign up early because
space is limited



Palm/Passion Sunday

April 2, 8:30 & 10:00 am

Pastor Mark and Lanell Hadley will present a dramatized reading about the interaction between Pontius Pilate and Jesus.

Maundy Thursday
April 6th at 7:00 pm

*Washed, Fed,
and Sent*



Good Friday Service
April 7th at 7:00 pm

The crucifixion and death of Jesus will be told through the eyes of those closest to him.



Celebrate the Resurrection with our
Youth-led Sunrise Service
Easter Sunday at
7:00 am in the Prayer Garden

Sunrise Service

Easter Egg Hunt

EASTER SUNDAY
Five minutes after the 8:30 service
In the prayer garden

Please join us
for our annual

Easter
BREAKFAST

9:00 – 10:30 AM
prepared and
served by our
Church Council
members

Easter Sunday

H E I S R I S E N

7:00 AM Sunrise Service
8:30 & 10:00 AM



Caring Ministries

Let us come before Him with Thanksgiving...

For the light of Lord and desire to see it

For I am the Lord who heals you...

- *For Gary Burton who continues to be in a rehab facility*
- *For Dorothy McLeod who is recovering from hip surgery after a fall*
- *For Val Hicks' friend, Cheri who has stage 4 cancer and is dealing with the sudden loss of her son.*
- *For Susan Voise's friend, Tony and his wife, Janelle. Tony is recovering from sepsis and a complicated abdominal surgery and slowly improving*
- *For Kay Glenn's daughter, Missy, who is dealing with health issues from mold in her home*
- *For Kay Glenn's grandson, Ryan, who is going through tests*
- *For Les and Pat Woods who are both facing numerous health challenges*
- *For Judi Christensen who will be beginning a complex dental treatment on Friday*
- *For Angie Oslie Whitfill, daughter of Tyna and Bruce Oslie, who is recovering from kidney stone surgery.*
- *For Pastor John's brother, Phil who is hospitalized with blood clots in his lungs following radiation treatments for cancer in his spine*

Your continued prayers are appreciated for...

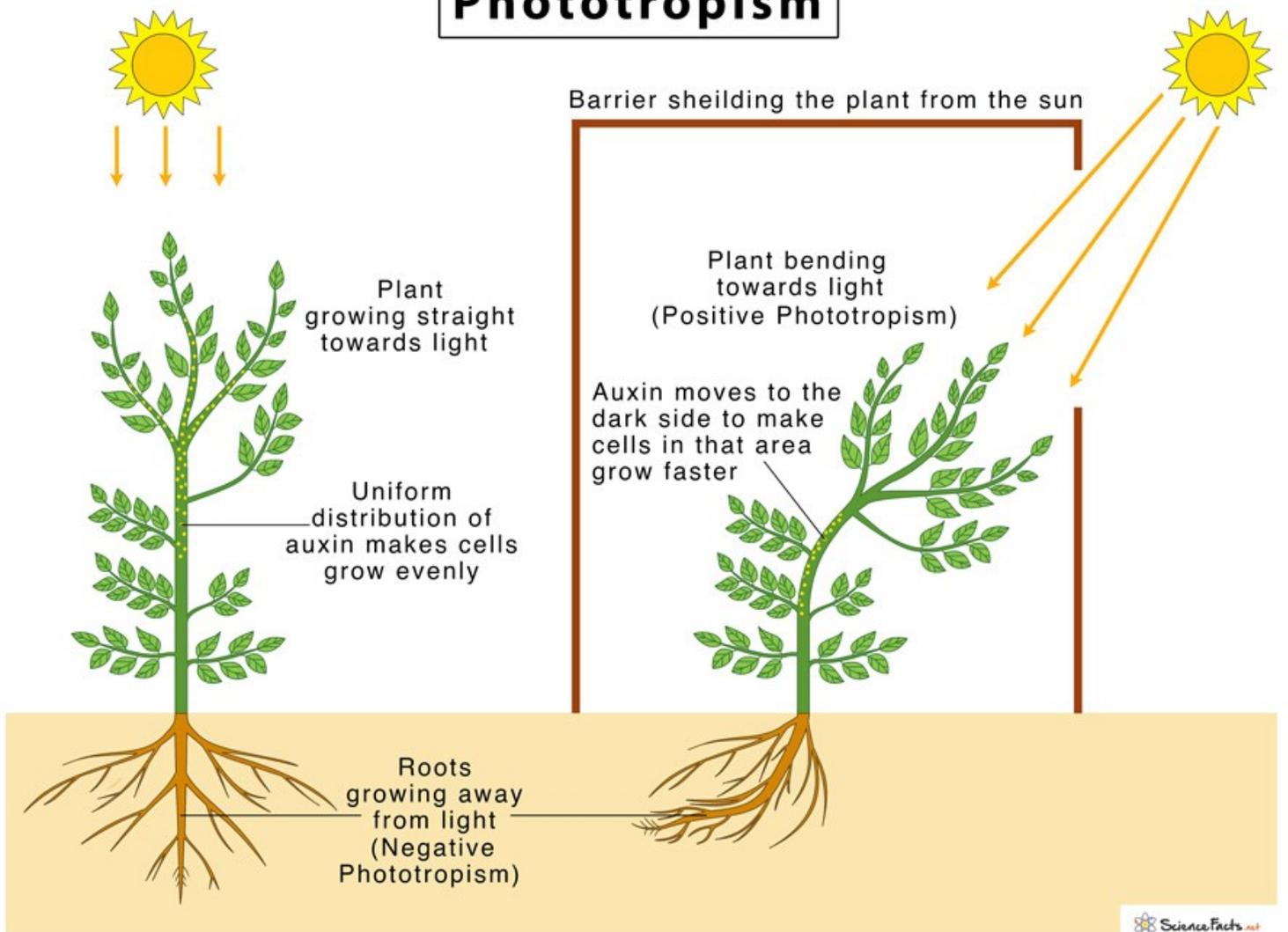
Delores Young; Norm Roberts; Mitzi Cimino; Susan Raven's mother; John & Andrea Wolz' friend, April; Jerri Osborn

The Lord is filled with compassion...

- *If you have a prayer request please contact Theresa Jorgensen at theresaajorgensen@gmail.com.*
- *There are prayer shawls in the chapel available for you to take to someone who is in need of comfort.*
- *Our James 5 Ministry can arrange pre-surgery prayers in our chapel for you. Contact Cathy Racette at grammashepherd@sbcglobal.net.*

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THE STORY OF THE BLUE LAMB

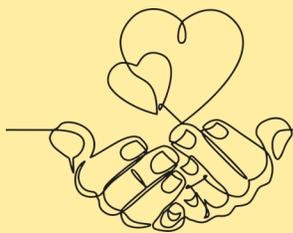


We believe the Lord is our Shepherd, that goodness and mercy follow us all the days of our lives, and that one day we shall dwell in the House of the Lord forever! We also believe that God wants you to know these blessings as well.

As a reminder that this promise is for all, we invite you to take this moment to gaze at our window. Our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, is gently holding a lamb. We love that it's not black or white. It's blue, an artistic and beautiful reminder that every single Child of God is unique, special and welcome here.

WHAT WE ARE ABOUT

Here at Shepherd of Life we focus our attention on three important concepts found in the Bible: a calling given to us by Jesus, a recognition of the importance of community in our walk of faith, and an acknowledgement that we are a group of imperfect human beings who get it wrong sometimes. So, what are we about here at Shepherd of Life? Very simply this...



Loving God and Neighbor Together

As Best We Can!

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